



September 29, 2011

Michael Machado
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Dear Mr. Machado:

I am writing to express California State Park's strong support of a National Heritage Area (NHA) in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

California State Parks' *Central Valley Vision Implementation Plan* and our *Recreation Proposal for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh* both endorse the creation of an NHA in the Delta. What impresses us most about the project is the commitment to a broad, collaborative planning process which will ensure that many businesses, organizations and the public will be involved in planning for the development of an NHA. An NHA will promote the region's identity by improving recreational access to the Delta from nearby cities to the Delta's waterways, recreational facilities, and historic towns.

California State Parks looks forward to working with the DPC to see the NHA in the Delta approved and fully effective. Let me know how we can help this effort succeed.

Sincerely,



Dan Ray
Chief, Planning Division